ablation and pacekmaker respectively. The patient on permanent pacemakers need the usual precautions and regular follow-up checking etc. at the Hospital.

Plan for strengthening the food and drug administration

3055. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working out a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Food and Drug Administration all over the country;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the role proposed to be assigned to the Central and State Agencies in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The Government have initiated various steps to strengthen the Food and Drug Administrations, both at the Central and State levels. These include expansion of Prevention of Food Adultration Units and the Central Drugs Control Organisation at the Centre; additional facilities for Central Food and Drug Laboratories; and providing of Central Assistance to the State Governments to augment the facilities in the Food and Drug Laboratories. It is also proposed to strengthen the Drug Inspectorate staff in the States.

(c) Under the prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Rules thereunder and also the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder, the role assigned to the Central Government is mainly to lay down standards for Food and Drugs respectively. However, the basic responsiblity of enforcement of these Acts and Rules for purposes of issuing of Licences/ cancellation of licences, checking of quality of Food and drugs etc. are of the State Governments.

The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules are being amended so that for specified categories of drugs, the State Government shall issue licences only with the approval of the Central Government.

T.B. and Leprosy treatment in Arunachal Pradesh

3056. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and achievements of eradication of T.B. and Leprosy during the last two years in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of T.B./Leprosy centres functioning in the State; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to create more such Centres during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Targets and achievements under National T.B. Control Programme